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Applicant : HIRAKA et al.  
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15 Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

20 Sir:  
In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2003 ("the Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

25 **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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